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Philadelphia

It is now late, but I shall with pleasure devote an hour to you & I must beg of you, that on the receipt of this, you will send me a Letter in return - Not a word have I received from any of my friends in Marlboro since I left there, tho' I have waited not without some impatience to hear - Has my Letter not been received? I am fearful it has not reached home, or I should have been favoured with an answer before this.

I have every reason, my friend, to speak of the goodness of God towards me since I saw you last

All things with respect to object of my coming coming to this city, answer my highest expectations.

Myself & friend R. have found favour in the sight of the Professors of the Medical school; & they all appear willing, & I have reason to believe, are desirous of granting us every favour in their power to assist us in acquiring a knowledge of their profession - tho' I have no evidence that either of them, Drt Rush excepted, has been made savingly acquainted with that gospel which we wish to carry to the Heathen - The course of lectures which they give us, few would cost us, if we paid

for them more then two hundred Dollars - Besides
these privileges I enjoy very many spiritual ad-
vantages - scarcely an evening in the week, but
I might enjoy the privilege of an solemn meeting
in some one of the churches near my boarding
house, or any other religious meeting - In this city
I find many very pious people, who seem to speak
the language of Canaan, who mourn for the despo-
litions of Zion, & weep over her declining state -

But it is a very wicked city - It is enough to
make the heart, that has any love for souls
bleed to see the indifference & neglect with which
the greatest proportion of the inhabitants treat
the sabbath & the ordinances of the house of God,
& the dreadful profanity that assails his ears
almost at every step as he walks the streets.

Altho the houses for publick worship would
not hold, I presume, one third part of the people
in this town who might attend meeting ~~if they~~
had a disposition - yet it has often struck a
gloom over my mind to go into a church & find
but him & there a few persons scattered over
it; especially in the afternoon service, & in the lec-
tures in the evening of the week. It is now the
custom, or fashion, for the fashionable people here,
who would to be ~~that~~ good, to have a good dinner

I send you a sketch of the meetings I went to give up all God's day time. I do believe it will help them

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impeded by their domesticks, who are kept from
meeting to do it in the forenoon, & also in the
afternoon to wait upon them, while they spend
the afternoon in feasting - I trust there are a
few who love the service of their God, & who may
much for this city, & I believe it is for their
sakes that it is preserved. The highest desire of
multitudes especially among the youth is to spend
their time at the theater at balls & other places
by vice - Very few of the youth indeed, are the ob-
scured followers of Christ - I have within a few days

had very pleasing intelligence from Elizabethtown, & New-
Jersey. A very glorious work of grace ^{is}
to have commenced in each of them & one or

or two of the neighbouring towns - Each succeeding account
brings more pleasing intelligence from thence. O my
friends, what reason have we to bless God for the
display of his love & grace toward punishing sinners
& what encouragement to wrestle with him for
the display of it in the midst of us - may we
constantly & incessantly labor with ~~the~~ your prayers shall
not be lost - Providence God will answer your par-
ticular request, & send you a great blessing - Christians in
this place ~~have been~~ been very much stirred up on hearing of the
pleasing news from E. A. & have set up a prayer meeting for the
express purpose of praying for a revival - We see its happy ef-
fects on Chns. & on some sinners, others are very solemn & we strongly
hope for a great work - The watch has some time since called
~~one~~ O'clock. & my ears are just assailed with crys of fire from
the streets, & the rattling of Engines - This is a judgment of God for
the sins of this people I hope it is not very extensive -

Remember me in love to our dear parents & brothers & sisters - to
you Mr. Wicks & family - May the blessing of God be with & rest in each of
you & their hearts in the prayer of your affectionate brother E. Warren